

1. (One Time Amended) A method for remotely monitoring the health of a patient, said method comprising:

using a remotely located data collection device, prompting a remotely located user to place a plurality of electrodes connected to said data collection device in predetermined locations on the patient's body;

causing said data collection device to read electrical data from the patient's body using said electrodes,

transmitting said electrical data to a central location; and

evaluating said electrical data at said central location to make a determination as to the health of the patient.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said electrical data corresponds to ECG data.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein said plurality of electrodes comprises three electrodes.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein said data collection device is a hand-held device and said plurality of electrodes are in predetermined locations on the surface of said hand-held device.

5. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of transmitting evaluation data from said central location to said data collection device to provide feedback to the patient.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein said data collection device comprises a display to display information to the patient.

7. The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
receiving, at said data collection device, data obtained from a measuring
device, and
transmitting said received data to the central location.

AB⁵ 8. (One Time Amended) The method according to claim 7 wherein the
measuring device is a blood pressure measurement device.

9. (New) The method according to claim 1 wherein the patient is the user.

10. (New) A system for remotely monitoring the health of a patient, said system
comprising:

10 a central location; and

a remotely located data collection device, the data collection device comprising:

a receiver to receive instructions from the central location, the instructions
directing placement of a plurality of electrodes connected to the data collection
device in predetermined locations on the patient's body;

15 a circuit to read electrical data from the patient's body using the electrodes;
and

a transmitter to transmit said electrical data to the central location,
wherein the electrical data is evaluated at the central location to make a
determination as to the health of the patient.

20 11. (New) The system of claim 10 wherein the electrical data corresponds to
ECG data.

12. (New) The system of claim 10 wherein the plurality of electrodes comprises three electrodes.

13. (New) The system of claim 10 wherein the data collection device is a hand-held device and the plurality of electrodes are in predetermined locations on the surface of
5 the hand-held device.

14. (New) The system of claim 10 wherein the data collection device further comprises a receiver to receive evaluation data from the central location to provide feedback to the patient.

15. (New) The system of claim 10 wherein the data collection device further
10 comprises a display to display information to the patient.

16. (New) The system of claim 10 wherein the data collection device further comprises:

a receiver for receiving measured data obtained from a measuring device; and
a transmitter for transmitting the received measured data to the central location.

15 17. (New) The system of claim 16 wherein the measuring device is a blood pressure measurement device.